Labor Organization Officer and Employee Report

U.S. Department of Labor

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VIA EXPRESS MAIL Frank Martinez 2888 Baronet Way Sacramento, CA 95833 Telephone: (212) 635-0202 Facsimile: (212) 363-1935

January 12, 2001

Dear Mr. Martinez:

In 1998 while an officer of International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("IBT") Local 857 you received a free term life insurance policy from American Income Life Insurance, a company which conducted business with Local 857. Title 29 U.S.C. § 432(a)(6) requires any officer or employee of a labor organization to file with the Secretary of Labor a signed report, a Form LM-30, disclosing for that fiscal year the receipt of a "benefit with monetary value ... directly or indirectly derived from, a business organization part of which consists ...of dealing with such labor organization." The IRB forwarded a report concerning this practice to the IBT General Counsel. A copy of that report is enclosed. It was explained that this practice violated federal law but, if it was stopped and appropriate forms filed with the Secretary of Labor, no charges would be recommended.

In a letter from Local 857 dated October 5, 2000, you were instructed to complete an enclosed LM-30. According to the Local 857 office manager, the Local did not receive a completed Form LM-30 from you.

You are hereby notified that you must provide this office with a copy of a completed Form LM-30 that was filed by no later than January 30, 2001. Failure to file and provide this information to this office by January 30, 2001 will result in the IRB recommending to the IBT that charges be filed against you pursuant to the IRB's powers described in the Opinion and Order in <u>United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters</u>, 88 Civ. 4486 (DNE) (S.D.N.Y.). If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Haluk Savci, Esq. at 212-635-0202.

Very ruly yours,

Charles M. Carberr

Chief Investigator

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Patrick Szymanski, General Counsel

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

The Board has discovered in seven Locals a marketing scheme whereby American Income Life Insurance Company ("AILI") gives each member of a Local executive board, and sometimes other employees of the Local, \$10,000 in free term life insurance. In an implicit exchange for this personal benefit which is never disclosed to the members, the board causes on Local letterhead under an officer's signature a letter AILI drafted to be mailed to Local members and retirees announcing that AILI, as the results of the efforts of the Local board, will give each member a \$1,000 policy. The board solicits the members to return lead cards to AILI and to listen to the discussion of the company's products when a salesperson calls. In sum, the Local board, in return for an undisclosed personal benefit ten times greater than that provided members, allows a third party indirect access to the membership list and use of Local letterhead. In addition, the officers make no disclosure of the benefit on Department of Labor Form LM-30 as required under 29 U.S.C., Sec. 432(a)(6). Having found this practice in seven Locals, the IRB has reason to conclude, given AILI's procedure, that the arrangement is present in more Locals. An example of the AILI form letter to be sent out on Local letterhead is attached as Exhibit A.

As you know, Local officers' receipt of undisclosed benefits to allow a third party use of a Local asset is a violation of their fiduciary duties. Officers should not receive undisclosed personal benefits in return for use of Local assets to assist sales to members. The failure to file required disclosure forms which would have disclosed these benefits suggests the officers recognize the practice is improper. (Ex. B)

> Pursuant to the Consent Order of the United States District Court, S.D.N.Y. United States -v- International Brotherhood of Teamsters 88 CIV 4486 (DNE)

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U-1674 Patrick J. Szymanski, Esq. June 6, 2000 Page 2 The International should explain to the Local boards the impropriety of this practice and instruct them that the practice is not to continue. This should not be limited to the Locals where it has been found. It should also inform the board members of their obligation and require them to file Form LM-30 for the receipt of past benefits. We also believe the International should inform AILI that its current marketing practice for IBT Locals violates

If these steps are taken and the Local officers do as required within 60 days of this letter, the IRB will not recommend any charges based on the conduct described which occurred prior to the date of this letter. However, if the steps are not taken or the Local officers do not take the remedial steps as required, then the IRB will consider recommending individual charges not only for future violations from this practice, but also for unremedied past conduct.

IBT policies and request the company to stop it.

Please notify the IRB within 21 days of receipt of this letter of how the IBT plans to proceed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Members of the Independent Review Board

By:

John J. Cronin, Jr.

Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Charles M. Carberry, Esq.